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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF:

CHIN-CHING YEH, D.M.D.

FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE
DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

PROVISIONAL ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (Board) upon receipt of an application for licensure to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey filed by Chin-Ching Yeh, D.M.D. The Board considered the testimony of Dr. Yeh presented at the April 27, 1994 Investigative Inquiry concerning certain professional practices in regard to the treatment of patients in the dental office of Dr. Young Kim located in Camden, New Jersey.

The Board found that Dr. Yeh received his Bachelor Degree of Dental Science from the National University of Taiwan in 1984. Immediately thereafter he participated in compulsory military service in the army as a dental officer for two years. When his service in the army was completed in January 1987 he began a one year general practice residency in a Taiwan hospital. He left Taiwan in February 1988 and immigrated to the United

In 1988 he passed Part I and Part II of the National Board Dental Examination. From 1989 to May 1991 he attended the dental program at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Illinois and earned as associate degree. During the period commencing June 1991 through May 1993 he was enrolled in a two (2) year advanced standing dental program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, in July 1993 he began a general practice residency program at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, New York which he represented he expects to complete on or about June 30, 1995. Dr. Yeh took and passed the Northeast Regional Board Examination (NERB) in May 1993. Aside from being licensed to practice dentistry in Taiwan, Dr. Yeh is licensed to practice dentistry in New York State. From the period commencing in August 1993 through September 1993 (or at a time prior to October 14, 1994) Dr. Yeh was employed by Dr. Young Kim to work in Dr. Kim's dental office in Camden, New Jersey.

Dr. Yeh testified that during this period he worked in Dr. Kim's office for approximately four (4) or five (5) Saturdays and was paid for his work in the dental office. The procedures he indicated he performed included prophylaxis and scaling, taking periapical x-rays and alginate impressions for study diagnostic models. In addition, he represented that he performed lab work, including ceramics, orthodontic appliances and repair of dentures. He did, however, testify that he never performed any restorative dentistry at any time while working in Dr.Kim's

office.

During his appearance before the Board at the Investigative Inquiry, Dr. Kim, the employing dentist, indicated that Dr. Yeh, while he was hired mainly as a lab technician, also worked along with Dr. Kim who showed Dr. Yeh the manner in which he practiced dentistry and then permitted Dr. Yeh to perform the particular procedure on the patient under the supervision of Dr. Kim. Dr. Kim testified that Dr. Yeh performed examinations, took x-rays, used a high speed hand piece on tooth structure in a patient's mouth, condensed and carved amalgams, and performed scalings while employed in his office under his supervision.

Therefore, the Board has considered Dr. Yeh's testimony, the testimony of Dr. Kim and the record before it, and based thereon finds that while employed at the dental office of Dr. Young Kim, Dr. Yeh practiced dentistry and dental hygiene although he was unlicensed to do so. Such practices include but are not limited to, performing amalgam restorations, the use of hand pieces in patient's mouths, performing prophylaxis and scaling, and taking impressions of patient's teeth. In addition, the Board finds that Dr. Yeh took x-rays without being properly licensed.

The Board may suspend a license based on an applicant's failure to comply with the provisions of the Dental Practice Act by engaging in the unlicensed practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. Practicing dentistry, dental hygiene, and taking x-rays without a license to do so is a violation of the Dental Practice

Act and therefore the Board finds it necessary to impose disciplinary sanctions in furtherance of its duty to assure confidence in the integrity and competence of licensees to those individuals who seek dental services.

Based on the aforesaid findings, it is the decision of the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry to issue a license to practice dentistry to Chin-Ching Yeah, D.M.D., effective when this Order shall become final on the condition that Dr. Yeh's license shall be actively suspended for a period of one year, eighty-nine (89) days of which shall be active and shall take effect when this Order shall become final. The remaining period of suspension shall be stayed and shall constitute a probationary period so long as Dr. Yeh shall comply with the terms of the within Order, and shall observe the continuing requirement of all licensees to comply with the provisions of the Board's enabling legislation and the regulations adopted thereunder.

Dr. Yeh shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars by submitting to the State Board of Dentistry, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101 a certified check or money order in the aforesaid amount made payable to the State of New Jersey, within sixty (60) days of the entry date of this Order.

If Dr. Yeh wishes to present information refuting any of the factual findings contained herein, such information must be presented to the Board within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Order and the Board will thereafter determine whether

further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during that thirty (30) day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, this Order shall become final.

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